

The Stumbling-Block

1 - Mikshol

Yeshayahu 8:13 נִזְנֵן of hosts, him you shall set-apart. And he you shall fear. And he you shall dread. v14 And he shall be for a sanctuary, and for a **stone of stumbling**, and for a rock of falling to **both houses of Ysrael**; for a trap and for a snare to the ones living in Yerushalem. v15 And **many** among them shall **stumble** and fall, and be broken, and ensnared, and captured.

This passage should be familiar. It is a serious warning to both houses of Ysrael. This article is directed to the house of Ephrayim. If you do not know who that is, do not read this. This is disturbing, you are warned. There is a stumbling-block (mikshol in Hebrew) right in front of you. Read and confirm each section carefully before proceeding to the next. The disturbing matter is presented first, followed by extensive analysis. Be encouraged:

Tehillim 49:20 Man, though high in honor, but understanding not, are like the animals; they shall be cut off.

Qoheleth 3:18 I said in my heart “Concerning the matter of the sons of men, Elohim examines them to see if they are indeed beasts.”

Mishle 14:15 The simple believes every word, but the wise considers his step.

2 - Karat

Yeshayahu 53:8 He was taken from prison and from justice. And as for his generation, who considered that **he was cut off** out of the land of the living? From the transgression of my people, he was stricken.

Daniel 9:26 And after sixty two weeks, **messiah shall be cut off**, and naught to him. And the people of a coming ruler shall destroy the city and

the sanctuary...

Tehillim 89:38 But you have **cast off and rejected**; You have been wroth with your **messiah**. v39 You have **disowned the covenant** of your servant; You have **defiled his crown** on the ground...

Yeshayahu 53, Daniel 9 and Tehillim 89 are the most definitive and significant of the messianic prophesies in the Tanach. And the messiah was cut off in each. This is not an incidental detail. Was this event the sacrifice? A sacrifice is slaughtered and burned. The messianic era has not come, even today. We must consider if this event altered the course of prophetic fulfillment.

Yochanan 8:57 Then the Yehudim said to him, You do not yet have fifty years, and have you seen Avraham? v58 Yeshua said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Avraham came to be, **I AM!** v59 Because of this, they took up stones that they might throw on him...

The phrase “I AM!” appears to be a reference to Moshe's encounter at the burning bush:

Shmot 3:13 And Moshe said to Elohim, Behold, I *shall* come to the sons of Ysrael and say to them, the Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you; and they will say to me, *What is His name?* What shall I say to them? v14 And Elohim said to Moshe, I AM THAT I AM; and He said, You shall say this to the sons of Ysrael, **I AM** has sent me to you.

So, when Yeshua declared to the Yehudim “I AM!” he was inferring he was The Father. And the Yehudim who wanted to stone him would be right by the Torah, regardless of their motivation. There were other incidents where Yeshua made the same inference (Yochanan 5:18, 10:30 & 38). It is possible he was speaking figuratively, not literally. This is evident from the many times he spoke of himself as subordinate to the Father.

In any event, he was prophesied to be cut off (karat in Hebrew) and this sets the stage for it. Also, when talking privately with his disciples, Yeshua never himself declared to be The Father, or king. And he was

evasive when questioned about messiah. Check it yourself.

Tehillim 132:11 הִנֵּה has sworn to David *in* truth; He will not turn from it; I will set *one* of the fruit of your body on the throne for you. v12 **If your sons will keep my covenant** and my testimonies which I will teach them, their sons shall also sit on the throne for you forever.

Thus the covenant of David is not absolute, it is conditional on obedience. It is possible covenant of David - messiah was voided. Yeshua was cut off, not sacrificed. Tehillim 89 continues with this interpretation, grim as it may sound.

Psalm 89:40 You have broken down all his hedges; you have brought his strongholds to ruin. v41 All who pass by the way plunder him; he is a curse to his neighbors. v42 You have set up the right hand of his enemies; you have made all his enemies rejoice. v43 And you have turned back the edge of his sword, and have not held him up in battle. v44 You have made his glory to cease and have **hurled his throne to the ground**. v45 You have shortened the days of his youth; you have **covered him with shame**. Selah. v46 O יהוה, until when will you hide yourself? Shall your wrath burn like fire forever? v47 Remember, I pray, the time of life; for what vanity have you created all the sons of men? v48 What man lives and never sees death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of Sheol? Selah. v49 Adonai, **where are your former kindnesses that you swore to David in your faithfulness?**

This may not be so terrible. A king is not a good idea:

1 Shmuel 8:6 And the thing was evil in Shmuel's eyes when they said, "Give to us a king to judge us". And Shmuel prayed to יהוה. v7 And יהוה said to Shmuel, "Listen to the voice of the people, to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected me from reigning over them.**"

Also, having a mediator is not good when you consider it's origin:

Dvarim 18:15 **הָנָה** your Elohim shall raise up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, one like me; you shall listen to him, v16 according to all that you desired of **הָנָה** your Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, “**Let me not hear again the voice of הָנָה** my Elohim, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die.”

Which resulted from the incident at Mount Horeb:

Shmot 20:19 And said to Mosheh, “You speak with us, and we will hear. And let us not speak with Elohim, that we not die.” v20 And Mosheh said to the people, “Do not fear, for Elohim has come in order **to test you**, and so that His fear may be on your faces, that you may not sin.”

3 - Damah

Qohelet 7:20 For there is not a righteous man on the earth who will do good, and will not sin.

This verse appears insignificant until it is carefully examined. There is a paradox here. Do you see it?

Yeshayahu 14:13 And you have said in your heart, “I will go up to the heavens, I will raise my throne above the stars of El and I will sit in the mount of meeting in the sides of the north; v14 I will ascend on the heights of the clouds, **I will compare to the Most-High**” v15 You shall go down to sheol, to the sides of the pit.

Here is the prophesy of Yeshua's sin, where he compared (damah in Hebrew) himself to the Father. It is in the prophesy of fall of Lucifer! This is proven by the preceding verse:

Yeshayahu 14:12 How you have fallen from the heavens, oh **shining-star, son of the morning!** You weakening the nations, you are cut down to the ground.

The Hebrew word for 'shining-star' is Hillel, and has also been translated as 'day-star' and as 'Lucifer' in the old translations. It refers to the planet Venus, which appears in the eastern sky in the morning, even during sunrise. No other star or planet is bright enough to do that. Hence the parallel phrase 'son of the morning'. The Brit Hadashah, of all sources, confirms this:

Mattiyahu 2:2 saying, Where is He born King of the Yehudim? For we saw **his star in the east** and have come to worship him.

Luqas 1:78 through the tender compassion of our Elohim, with which the **daybreak** from on high has looked upon us,

Hazon(Rev) 22:12 And, behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to give to each as his work *is*. . . . v16 I, Yeshua, sent my angel to testify these things to you over the assemblies. I am the root and offspring of David, the **bright and morning star**.

This ties in with the false prophet of Dvarim 13 and the prophet of Dvarim 18:

Dvarim 13:1 When a **prophet** or a dreamer of dreams rises among you, and **gives you a sign or a wonder**, v2 and the sign or the wonder which he spoke to you occurs, saying, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them, v3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams. For **יהוָה** your El **is testing you**, to know if you love **יהוָה** your El with all your heart and with all your soul. . . v8 you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him, nor shall your eye have pity on him, nor shall you spare nor hide him. v9 But killing **you shall kill him**; your hand shall be first upon him to cause him to die, and the hand of all the people last.

Dvarim 18:15 **יהוָה** your El shall **raise up to you a prophet** from among you, of your brothers, one like me; you shall listen to him, v16 according to all that you desired of **יהוָה** your El in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of **יהוָה** my El, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die. v17 And **יהוָה** said to me, They have spoken

well, what they have said. v18 **I shall raise up a prophet** to them from among their brothers, *one* like you; and I will put My Words in his mouth; and **he shall speak to them all that I shall command him.** v19 And it shall be, whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it at his hand. v20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, that which I have not commanded him to speak, and who speaks in the name of other gods, even **that prophet shall die.**

This is the stumbling-block. He led the people astray by comparing or likening himself to the Father. We all fell for this deception, it was from יהוה. Our Orthodox Jewish brothers are right on this account. This is big, you need to grasp it. This is not over yet.

Hoshea 13:11 **I gave to you a king** in my anger, and **took him away** in my fury.

Tehillim 102:23 **He diminished my strength in the way; He shortened my days.** v24 I said, O my El, **do not take me up in the half of my days;** Your years are through the generation of generations.

Tehillim 41:8 “A matter of **Beliyaal** is cast on him; and when he lies down, he will **not rise** again.

Tehillim 69:6 O יהוה of hosts, do not let those who wait on you be ashamed for my sake; let not the ones who seek you be ashamed for my sake, O Elohim of Ysrael. v7 Because **I suffered disgrace** for your sake, **shame has covered my face.**

Mikah 7:8 Rejoice not over me my enemy; **for I fell, I arise. I will dwell in darkness,** יהוה is light *to me.* v9 I will bear the anger of יהוה because **I have sinned against him,** until He contends my case and exacts my judgment. He will bring me out to the light; I shall see his righteousness.

Zekaryah 3:2 And יהוה said to the accuser (haSatan), “יהוה rebuke you, haSatan! And, יהוה who has chosen Yerushalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire?” v3 And Yehoshua was clothed with **filthy**

garments, and he stood before the messenger. v4 And he answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And he said to him, “Behold, I have caused **your iniquity** to pass from you, and I will clothe you with a change of raiment.” . . .

Thus this twist fits into prophesy. It also fits into Jewish records of him. He was a prominent student of a prominent Rabbi, and led astray many at that time. (he too spoke of it: Mat 11:6, Mat 24:5, Mar 13:6, Luk 7:23, Luk 21:8) The important thing is that Ephrayim has made it this far and is returning. We got a contorted message, we tripped on the stumbling-block; it was from **הָנָן**:

Yirmeyahu 16:19 ...in the day of distress the gentiles shall come to you from the ends of the earth and say, “Howbeit our fathers **inherited falsehood, vanity** and there is no benefit in them.”

Yeshayahu 28:21 For **הָנָן** will arise as in mount Perazim, he will be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; to do his deed, his **strange deed** and to work his work, his **estrangement work**.

Check all this in the Tanach, then continue.

4 - Olah

Tehillim 40:6 **Sacrifice and offering you did not desire;** You have opened ears to me. You have not asked burnt offering and sin offering.

Tehillim 51:16 **For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering.** v17 The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, you will not despise.

Micah 6:7 **Will **הָנָן** be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of torrents of oil?** Shall I give my first-born for my

transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? v8 O man, he has declared to you what is good. And what does יהוה require of you, but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?

Hoshea 6:6 For **I desired mercy, and not sacrifice**; and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings.

1 Shmuel 15:22 ...Does יהוה delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of יהוה? Behold! **Obeying is better than sacrifice**; to give attention *is* better than the fat of rams.

Yirmeyahu 7:22 For **I did not speak to your fathers**, nor command them in the day that I brought them out from the land of Mitsrayim, **concerning matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices**. v23 But I commanded them this thing, saying, “Obey my voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be my people...

Thus burnt offering (olah in Hebrew) is secondary to obedience. Remember יהוה commanded Avraham to sacrifice his son Yitschak, then stopped him from actually doing it. Yeshua was not slaughtered and burned.

5 - Tsaphan

Hoshea 13:10 Where is your king now, that he may save you in all your cities? And where are your judges of whom you said, Give to me a king and rulers? v11 **I gave to you a king in My anger, and took him away in My fury**. v12 The iniquity of Ephrayim is bound up; **his sin is hidden** (tsaphan in Hebrew).

Yeshayahu 27:7 Has he **smitten him** as he smote those who were smiting him? Or as the slaying of His slain, is **he slain**? v8 You will contend with her by **driving her away**, by sending her away. He shall take away by his harsh wind, in the day of the east wind.

Zekaryah 13:7 O sword, awake against my shepherd, and against the man who is my companion, says יהוה' of hosts. **Strike the shepherd** and the sheep will be scattered. And I will turn my hand on the little ones. v8 And it shall be in all the land, says יהוה', two parts in it shall be cut off and perish, but the third shall be left in it. v9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will refine them...

Zekaryah 11:4 For so says יהוה' my Elohim: “Feed the flock of the slaughter. . . v7 And I fed the flock of slaughter, the truly poor of the flock. And I took two staffs for myself: the one I called kindness, and the other I called union. . . v10 And I took my staff kindness and broke it apart, to **break my covenant** which I had cut with all the peoples. . . v14 Then I broke apart my second staff union, that I might **break the brotherhood between Yehudah and Ysrael**.

As prophesied, the shepherd/king was struck and the sheep were scattered to the ends of the earth, pursued and punished. Punished for what? The “sin of Ephrayim” is hidden. This implies Ephrayim does not know it.

Yirmeyahu 31:2 Thus said יהוה', “A people escaped from the sword found favor in the wilderness, Ysrael when he went to find rest.” v3 יהוה' appeared to me from afar, “**I loved you** with an everlasting love, thus **I drew you** with lovingkindness.”

Hoshea 11:3 And I taught Ephrayim to walk; he took them by his arms. But they **did not know that I healed them**. v4 I drew them with **CORDS OF MAN**, with **BANDS OF LOVE**. And I was to them as those who lift off the yoke on their jaws; and I extended food to him.

Yeshayahu 41:2 Who raised up the **righteous one from the east**? He called him to his foot; he gives nations before him. . . v4 Who has planned and done it, calling forth the generations from the beginning? **I יהוה' am the first and the last; I am he.**

Yeshayahu 44:6 So says יהוה', the King of Ysrael, and his Redeemer, יהוה' of Hosts: **I am the first, and I am the last; and there is no Elohim except**

me.

Yeshayahu 45:21 Declare and bring near; yea, let them consult together. Who has revealed this of old; who has told it from then? **Is it not I, יהוה?** **And there is no Elohim other than me; a just Elohim and a savior; there is none except me.**

Idolatry usually refers to worshiping a man-made object, it can also apply to a **false image or representation**. Yeshua did not do all those miracles himself, it was יהוה the Father. Yeshua was a stumbling-block to simpletons (like myself) who sought after signs and wonders. It is possible this is “sin of Ephrayim”.

Ephrayim's harlotry did not end there. Ephrayim's harlotry (idolatry) is described throughout Hoshea, a prophet to the Northern Kingdom. Ephrayim no longer observes biblical feasts and sabbaths (2:11), bloodshed and immorality (4:2), rejected יהוה's laws (4:6), idolatry (4:17, 13:2), mixed with the nations (7:8), made many altars (8:11), regard the Torah as a strange thing (8:12) and backsliding (11:7, 14:4) which paint a familiar picture of Christian theology and culture.

6 - Lo Yasaph

Habakkuk 3:17 Though the fig tree shall not blossom, and fruit is not on the vines; the work of the olive fails, and the fields make no food; **the flock is cut off from the fold**, and no herd is in the stalls, v18 yet I will exult in יהוה; I will rejoice in the Elohim of my salvation.

Yirmeyahu 8:19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land! “Is not יהוה in Zion? **Is not her king in her?** Why have they provoked me with their carved images, with foreign vanities?” v20 **Harvest has passed**; the summer has ended, and **we are not saved!**

Yeshayahu 49:4 Then I said, “**I have labored in vain**; I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with יהוה, and

my work with my Elohim". v5 And now, says יְהוָה who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Yaaqov back to Him: **Though Ysrael is not gathered** (lo yasaph in Hebrew), yet I am honored in the eye of יהוה, and my Elohim is my strength.

Mikah 5:3 Therefore **he will give them up** until the time the one giving birth has given birth...

Yeshayahu 9:3 You have **not enlarged the nation**; you have increased the joy. They rejoice before you as in the joy of harvest, as men shout when they divide the plunder.

Yeshayahu 26:18 We conceived; we writhed; we gave birth to wind. We have **not worked salvation for the earth**; the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

The word has gone out to the ends of the earth and the dry bones of Ephrayim have arisen from the dust. Yet wars abound, economies collapse and the future looks worse. All the time-lines have ended. The prophesies of a restored kingdom remain unfulfilled. The verses above support this scenario.

Hoshea 6:2 **After two days** he shall revive us, **on the third day** he shall raise us up, so that we live before him.

There is still a work to do. The regathering. The one stick.

7 - Shevie

Yirmeyahu 3:14 Return, O apostate sons, declares יהוה; for I am master over you. And I will take you, **one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion**. . . vi8 In those days the **house of Yehudah shall walk with the house of Ysrael**, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, **to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers**. vi9 But I said, How *gladly* would I put you among the

sons, and **give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance** *among* the multitudes of nations! And I said, You shall call me, my Father; and you shall not turn away from me.

Yeshayahu 11:11 And it shall be in that day, **הָיָה!** shall again set his hand, **the second time, to recover the remnant of his people** that remains, from Ashur, and from Mitsrayim, and from Pathros, and from Kush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. v12 And he shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall **gather the outcasts of Ysrael, and gather those dispersed from Yehudah**, from the four wings of the earth.

Yeshayahu 27:12 And it shall be in that day, **הָיָה!** shall thresh from the channel of the River to the torrent of Egypt; and **you shall be gathered one by one, sons of Ysrael.**

Yeshayahu 49:18 Lift up your eyes all around and see! **They all gather and come to you.** As I live, says **הָיָה!**, you shall surely wear all of them as an ornament, and bind them on as a bride. v19 For your wastes and your deserted places, and your land of ruins shall even now be too narrow to live *there*; and they who swallow you shall be far away. v20 The **sons of your bereavement** shall yet say in your ears, “The place is too narrow for me; make room for me *to live*”. v21 Then you shall say in your heart, “Who has borne these to me, for I am bereaved and desolate, turned aside and an exile; who then has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. *From where do these come?*” v22 So says Adonai **הָיָה!**, “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and will set up my banner to peoples. And they shall **bring your sons in the bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on the shoulder...**”

The “sons of your bereavement” above, refers to Rachel weeping for the return of Ephrayim:

Yirmeyahu 31:15 So says **הָיָה!**, A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing, bitter weeping: Rachel weeping for her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons for they *are* not. v16 So says **הָיָה!**, Hold back your voice from weeping,

and your eyes from tears. For there will be a reward for your work, says יהוה', and **they shall come again** from the land of the enemy. v17 And there is hope for your end, says יהוה', that **your sons will come again to their own territory**. v18 Hearing I have heard Ephrayim bemoaning, "You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf not broken in. Turn me, and I shall be turned; for You *are* יהוה' my Elohim. v19 For after I had turned away, I repented; and after I knew, I slapped on *my* thigh. I was ashamed; even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth." v20 *Is* Ephrayim my dear son? Or *is he* a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. So my heart *is* stirred for him; pitying I will have pity on him, declares יהוה'. v21 Set up road marks for yourself; make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, even the way you went. **Turn-back**, O maiden of Ysrael; **turn back to these cities of yours**. (turn-back: shevie in Hebrew)

Yeshayahu 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of יהוה has risen on you! v2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness *the* peoples. But יהוה' shall rise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you. v3 And nations shall walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. v4 Lift up your eyes all around and see; they are all assembling; they are **coming to you**. Your **sons shall come from far away**, and your **daughters** shall be supported on the side.

Yirmeyahu 30:3 For, lo, the days come, says יהוה', that **I will turn the captivity of my people Ysrael and Yehudah**, says יהוה'; and **I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it**. . . v10 And you, O My servant Yaaqov, do not fear, says יהוה'. Do not be terrified, O Ysrael. For, lo, **I will save you from afar, and your seed** from the land of their captivity. And **Yaaqov shall return**, and have quiet, and be untroubled, and no one will make him afraid.

Yirmeyahu 31:4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built again, O maiden of Ysrael. . . v8 Behold! **I will bring them** from the north country, and **gather them** from the ends of the earth. Among them the blind, and the lame, the pregnant one, and the travailing one together, **a great assembly returning here**. v9 They shall come with weeping, and I will

lead them with prayers. I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a father to Ysrael, and **Ephrayim is my first-born.** v10 Hear the word of יהוה', O nations, and declare in the coastlands far away, and say, "**He who scattered Ysrael will gather him and keep him**, as a shepherd his flock."

Yirmeyahu 33:7 **And I turn-back the captivity of Yehudah and the captivity of Ysrael**, and will build them, as at the first.

Hoshea 1:11 **And the sons of Yehudah and the sons of Ysrael shall be gathered together**, and shall set over themselves one head. And they shall go up out of the land; for great the day of Yizre-el (~offspring of El).

Mikah 2:12 **Gathering I will gather all of you**, Yaaqov; gathering I will **gather the remnant of Ysrael**. I will set him together like the sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of its pasture. They shall be in commotion because of men.

Mikah 4:6 "In that day," declares יהוה', "**I gather the lame, and I will bring together** the outcast and those whom I have afflicted. v7 And I shall make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a **strong nation**. And יהוה' shall reign over them from now on and forever." . . . v10 ...And you shall go to Babel, there **you shall be delivered**, there יהוה' shall **redeem you** from the hand of your enemies.

Mikah 5:3 Therefore he will give them *up* until the time the one giving birth has given birth, and the **remnant of his brothers return to the children of Ysrael**.

Yehezquel 20:33 **As I live, says Adonai יהוה'**, Surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. v34 **And I will bring you out** from the peoples and **gather you** from the lands in which you are scattered among them **with a mighty hand** and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. v35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and I will be judging face to face there with you. v36 Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of

the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares adonai יהוה'. v37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Yehezqel 34:11 For so says Adonai יהוה': Behold, I **myself will search** for my sheep, and **seek them out**. v12 As a shepherd seeks his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep and will deliver them from all the places where they were scattered in a day of cloud, and thick darkness. v13 And I **will bring them out** from the peoples, and gather them from the lands, and **I will bring them to their land and feed them on the mountains of Ysrael**, by the ravines, and in all the dwelling places of the land. v14 I, even I, will feed them in a good pasture, and on the high mountains of Ysrael their fold shall be. They shall lie there in a good fold, and they shall feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Ysrael. v15 I will feed My sheep, and I will make them lie down, declares Adonai יהוה'. v16 I will seek the lost, and **I will return the banished**. And I will bind up the broken, and I will make the weak strong.

Yehezqel 36:8 But you, O mountains of Ysrael, you shall put out your branches and your fruit, you shall bear for My people Ysrael. **For they are approaching to come**. v9 For behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. v10 And **I will multiply men on you, all the house of Ysrael**, all of it. And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built. v11 And I will multiply men on you, and beast, and they will increase and be fruitful. And I will **make you dwell** as you formerly *were*, and I will do better than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I *am* יהוה'. v12 Yea, I will cause men to walk on you, my people Ysrael; and **they shall possess you, and you will be an inheritance to them** and will not any more increase their bereavement.

Yehezqel 36:24 For I will **take you** from the nations and **gather you** out of all the lands and **bring you into your land**. v25 I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your defilement and from all your idols. v26 And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give to you a heart of flesh. v27 And I will

put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and do them.

The above section indicates spiritual blessings of aliyah. The following describes the unified nation and kingdom that will follow.

Yehezqel 37:21 And say to them, So says adonai יהוה: Behold, **I will take the sons of Ysrael from among the nations**, there where they have gone, and will **gather them** from all around, and will **bring them into their own land**. v22 And **I will make them one nation in the land**, on the mountains of Ysrael, and one king shall be for a king to all of them. And **they shall not be two nations still**. And they will not be split into two kingdoms any more. . . v25 And they shall **dwell on the land** that I have given to my servant, to Yaaqov, *there where your fathers dwelt* in it. And they shall **dwell on it, they and their sons, and the sons of their sons, forever**. And my servant David, prince to them forever.

Yehezqel 39:25 So Adonai יהוה says this: Now **I will return the captivity of Yaaqov** and will have mercy on all the house of Ysrael. And *I* will be jealous for My set-apart Name. v26 And also *after* they have borne their shame, and all their treachery which they have done against me, when they **dwell on their land** securely, and no one terrifies; v27 when I have **returned them** from the peoples, and **gathered them out of the hand of their enemies**, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations, v28 then they shall know that *I am יהוה* their Elohim who exiled them among the nations. But I have **gathered them to their own land** and have not left any of them there.

Amos 9:9 “For behold, I will command, and **I will shake the house of Ysrael among all the nations**, as one shakes with a sieve; yet not a grain shall fall to the ground. v10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, those who say, 'The evil shall not come near or overtake us.' v11 In that day I will raise up the booth of David that has fallen, and *I* will wall up its breaks. . . v14 And **I will bring back the captivity of My people Ysrael**. And they shall **build the waste cities, and live in them**. And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them. They shall also make

gardens, and eat the fruit of them. v15 And I will **plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land** which I have given to them", says יהוה' your Elohim.

Consider the above prophesies as a strong message to return to the land of Ysrael, the land of your forefathers.

Zekaryah 10:7 And **Ephrayim shall be like a mighty one**, and their heart shall be glad as *by* wine. And their sons shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in יהוה'. v8 I will whistle for them and **gather them**, for I have redeemed them. And they shall multiply as they were multiplied. v9 And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember me in far countries, and they shall **live with their children and return**. v10 And I will return to save them out of the land of Mitsrayim and gather them out of Ashur. And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, for room shall not be found *for them*.

Dvarim 30:3 then יהוה' your Elohim will **turn your captivity**, and he will have pity on you, and will **return and gather you from all the nations** where יהוה' your Elohim has scattered you. v4 If you are cast out to the end of the heavens, יהוה' your Elohim shall **gather you** from there, and he shall take you from there. v5 And יהוה' your Elohim shall **bring you into the land which your fathers have possessed, and you shall inherit it**; ...

Yirmeyahu 50:4 In these days, and at that time, the **sons of Ysrael** shall come, declares יהוה', they **and the sons of Yehudah together**, going and weeping; they shall go and seek יהוה' their Elohim. v5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces pointing there, saying, "Come and **let us join ourselves to יהוה'** in an **everlasting covenant** never to be forgotten."

8 - Basar

This is a collection of Tanach verses that speak about good-news (basar in Hebrew). This attempts to identify what the prophets and writings define as good-news/gospel. Yeshua does not define what the

good-news is.

Tehillim 14:7 & 53:6 Who gives from Zion the salvation of Ysrael? When Elohim **brings back the exiles**, his people, Yaaqov shall **rejoice**; Ysrael shall **be glad**.

Yeshayahu 35:10 And the **ransomed** of יהוה' shall return and enter Zion, with **singing and everlasting joy** on their head; gladness and joy shall reach them; and sorrow and sighing shall flee.

Yeshayahu 51:11 Yea, the **ransomed** of יהוה' shall return and come to Zion with **singing, and everlasting joy** shall be on their head; gladness and joy shall overtake them; sorrow and sighing shall flee.

Yeshayahu 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him proclaiming **good-news** (basar), making shalom heard, bearing **good-news** (basar), making heard salvation, saying to Zion, your Elohim reigns. v8 The voice of your watchmen, they lift the voice together, they sing aloud. For they shall see eye to eye when יהוה' **brings back Zion**. v9 Break out, **sing together**, waste places of Yerushalem; for יהוה' comforts his people; he has redeemed Yerushalem. . . v12 For you shall not go out with haste, nor will you go by flight; for יהוה' is **going before you**, and the Elohim of Ysrael **gathers you**.

Yeshayahu 60:20 Your sun shall not go in any more, and your moon shall not be removed; for יהוה' will become your everlasting light; and the days of **your mourning shall end**. v21 And your people shall all be righteous; they shall **possess land forever**, a branch of my planting, a work of my hands, to beautify myself. v22 A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation. I, יהוה', will hasten it in its time.

Yirmeyahu 31:7 For so says יהוה', **Sing with gladness** for Jacob, and shout among the head of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O יהוה', save your people, the remnant of Ysrael. v8 Behold! **I will bring them** from the north country, and **gather them** from the recesses of the earth. Among them the blind, and the lame, the pregnant one, and the travailing one

together, a great company **shall return** here. v9 They shall come with weeping, and I will lead them with prayers. I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a father to Ysrael, and **Ephrayim is my first-born**. v10 Hear the word of יהוה, O nations, and declare in the coastlands far away, and say, **he who scattered Ysrael will gather him** and keep him, as a shepherd his flock. v11 For יהוה has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the one stronger than him. v12 And they shall **come and sing in the height of Zion**, and be radiant over the goodness of יהוה, for grain, and for wine, and for oil, and for the sons of the flock and the herd. And their life shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not pine away any more at all. v13 Then the maiden shall **rejoice in the dance**, both young men and elders together. For I will turn their **mourning into joy**, and will comfort them and make them **rejoice** from their sorrow. v14 And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says יהוה. v15 So says יהוה, A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing, bitter weeping: Rachel weeping for her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons for they are not. v16 So says יהוה, Hold back your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears. For there will be a reward for your work, says יהוה, and **they shall come again** from the land of the enemy. v17 And there is hope for your end, says יהוה, that your sons will **come again** to their own territory. v18 Hearing I have heard **Ephrayim** moaning over himself, saying, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull not broken in. Turn me, and I shall be turned; for You are יהוה my Elohim. v19 For after I had turned away, I repented; and after I knew, I slapped on my thigh. I was ashamed; yea, I even blushed, because I bore the reproach of my youth. v20 Is **Ephrayim** My dear son? Or is he a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. So my heart is stirred for him; pitying I will have pity on him, declares יהוה. v21 Set up road marks for yourself; make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, even the way you went. **Turn again**, O maiden of Ysrael; turn again **to these cities of yours**.

Zekaryah 10:7 And **Ephrayim** shall be like a mighty one, and their **heart shall be glad as by wine**. And their **sons shall see and be glad**; their **heart shall rejoice in יהוה**. v8 I will whistle for them and **gather them**,

for I have redeemed them.

Thus the joy of good-news/basar is associated with the regathering of Ephrayim. Rabbis today are aware of it and are skeptical, even though sages have written positively on the subject. They and the government quietly resist it. (Yehez 11:15-20, Yesh 54:15, 66:5) Come, it is your inheritance, do not forfeit it! Avraham, Yaakov, Yehoshua and Ezra also had difficulty entering the land.

Yeshayahu 10:22 For though your people Ysrael are as the sand of the sea, **a remnant shall return**; a decisive end, overflowing with righteousness.

Hoshea 13:13 The pangs of one giving birth shall come to him; he is **not** a wise son, for **time will not delay** in the breaking forth of children.

If you understand all this, understand one more thing before you come:

Qohelet 10:8 ...*he who breaches a fence is bitten by a snake.*